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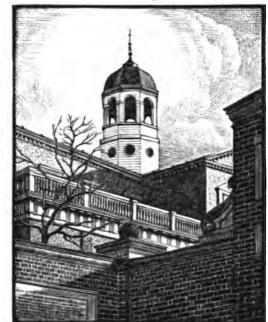
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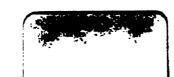
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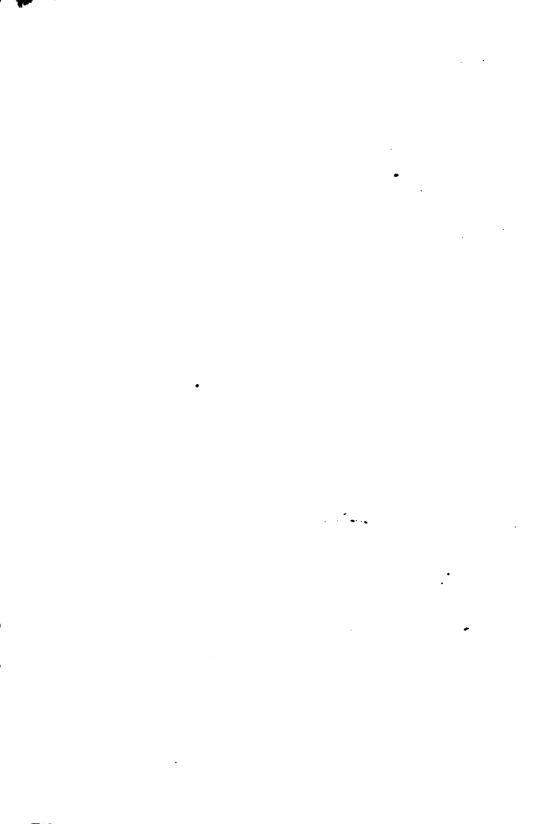
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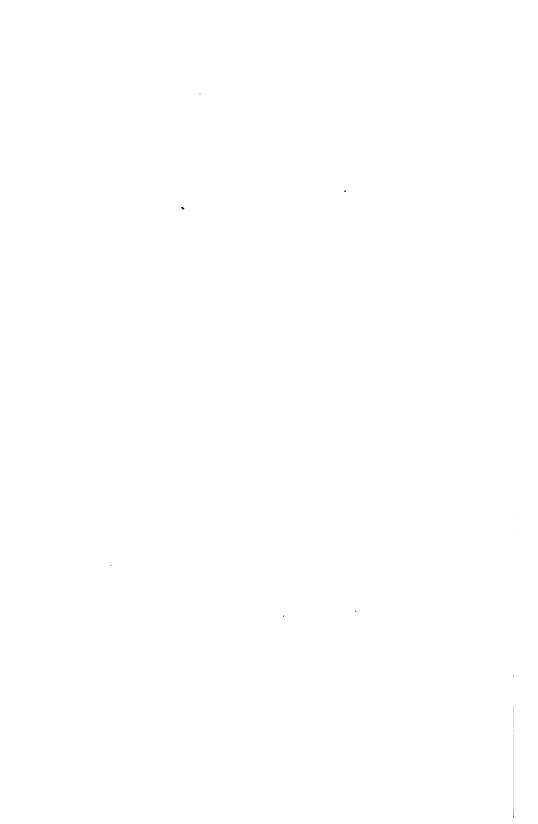
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Many are the reasons which moved the Author to

obtrude his Pilgrims on your Lordship; because he is deeply obliged Yours for former favours, even then when you were initiated in the Mysteries of Honour (learning by service to Command) in the Discipline of that Honorable Worthy, Lord Chancellor Egerton! because some conceptions of this Worke were in your Honourable Jurisdiction of Westminster, whither lest some traduce Travellers for Vagrants, they returne in hope of Sanctuarie, not so much trusting to the ancient Liberties, as to your Lordships liberall respect to literate endeavours: because these Travellers adventuring the world, seeke like Jacob at his going and returne, a Reverend Fathers Blessing and Confirmation. The Author likewise being called on for his promised Europe, submits himselfe to your Lordships Order, heere tendring of that debt, what hee is able, in readie payment. The worke it selfe also being a Librarie in this kind, presents it selfe to your Honour, the Founder of two famous Libraries; one in Westminster, (where the Stones & renued Fabrikes speake your Magnificence) the other in that famous Nurserie of Arts and Vertue Saint Johns Colledge in Cambridge, which sometime knew you a hopefull Sonne, but now acknowledgeth your Lordship a happie Father, where also the Author first conceived with this Travelling Genius, whereof (without travelling) he hath travelled ever since. Learning, the Advancer of your Honour, hath secured her welwillers not to bee rejected in whatsoever indeavours (Scribimus indocti, doctique) to advance Learning. The greatnesse of Nature to goodnesse of Nature, varietie of Estates to a prime Pillar of State, the Historie of Religions to a Religious Prelate, of Antiquities to an Antiquarie, cannot bee altogether unwelcome; that I mention not the dependence of London Ministers Livings (fined by the Times iniquitie) on your Lordships equall Sentence. These Causes have moved; One hath inforced; these Pilgrimes are your Servants, fitly so called à Servando, saved by your Lordships hand when they were

Gen. 28. & 32. 20.

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giving up the ghost, despairing through a fatall stroke of Aug. de C. D. ever seeing light.

H. 19. cap. 5.

Most humbly therefore, sue unto your Honour, these Pilgrimes for acknowledgement, esteeming your Lordships Name in fore-front a cognisance of blest Libertie and best Service; Now when Janus sends many with gratefull emulations to present their acclamations of a New Yeere, presenting (a wordie rather then worthy Present) a World, yea, a New world, in great part one Age younger to mens knowledge then America, sometimes stiled by that Name. I had written other Causes of my addresse to your Honour, but dare not proceed to interrupt Others more weightie. In all humble earnestnesse beseecheth, now in this Festivall time, the Author with his Pilgrimes to finde Hospitall entertainment, not at your Honours table, where Great affaires of Church and State are feasted (except some recreation some times permit) but with Schollers and Gentlemen in the Hall, which will welcome such Guests as your Lordship shall Countenance. So shall you encourage ever to pray for the increase of your Lordships happinesse in the Happie Service of his Majestie,

Your Lordships

most bounden,

SAMUEL PURCHAS.



Peregrinations

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and Discoveries; in the remotest North and East Parts of Asia, called Tartaria and China.

THE FIRST BOOKE.

Chap. I.

The Journall of Frier William De Rubruquis, a worke being French-man, of the Order of the Minorite found in Benet Colledge Friers, unto the East parts of the World, Library in Anno Dom. 1253.

O the most Excellent and most Christian communicate it
Lord, Lewis, by Gods grace the Re- to the World;
nowmed King of France, Frier William of the de Rubruk,* the meanest of the thinke, in any
Minorites Order, wisheth health and Language. I
continuall Triumph in Christ.

It is written in the Booke of Ecclésiasticus, concerning the Wiseman: He shall travell into forreine Countries, and good and evill shall hee try in all before the things. The very same Action (my Lord and King) have Chinois: yea, I atchieved: howbeit, I wish, that I have done it like a wise man, and not like a Foole. For many there bee, hnowne by that performe the same Action which a wise man doth, them.

not wisely but more undiscreetly: of which number I Ecclus 39.0.3.

*Master Hak. had published part of this Author, but the whole Colledge Cambridg, I thought fit to the published, as I thinke, in any begin with the Tartars, as being knowne to these parts China or Mangi became

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feare my selfe to bee one. Notwithstanding, howsoever I have done it, because you commanded mee, when I departed from your Highnesse, to write all things unto you, which I should see among the Tartars, and you wished me also that I should not feare to write long Letters, I have done as your Majestie enjoyned me: yet with feare and reverence, because I want words and Eloquence sufficient to write unto so great a Majestie. Bee it knowne therefore unto your Sacred Majestie, that in the yeare of our Lord 1253, about the Nones of May, wee entred into the Sea of Pontus, which the Bulgarians call the great Sea. It contayneth in length (as I learned of certayne Merchants) one thousand and eight miles, and is in a manner, divided into two parts. About the midst thereof are two Provinces, one towards the North; and another towards the South. The South Province is called Synopolis, and it is the Castle and Port of the Soldan of Turkie: but the North Province is called of the Latines, Gasaria: of the Greekes, which inhabit upon the Sea shoare thereof, it is Cassaria, or called Cassaria, that is to say, Cæsaria. And there are certayne headlands stretching forth into the Sea towards Synopolis. Also, there are three hundred miles of distance betweene Synopolis and Cassaria. Insomuch that the distance from those points or places to Constantinople, in length and breadth is about seven hundred miles: and seven hundred miles also from thence to the East, namely,

Gasaria.

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Gasaria.

to the Countrey of Hiberia, which is a Province of Georgia. At the Province of Gasaria or Cassaria, wee arrived, which Province is, in a manner, three square, having a Citie on the West part thereof called Kersova, wherein Saint Clement suffered Martyrdome. sayling before the said Citie, wee saw an Iland, in which a Church is said to be built by the hands of Angels. about the midst of the said Province toward the South, as it were, upon a sharpe Angle or Point, standeth a Citie called Soldaia, directly against Synopolis. And there doe all the Turkie Merchants, which Traffique into the North

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returne home-ward also from Russia, and the said Northerne Regions, into Turkie. The foresaid Merchants transport thither Ermines and gray Furres, with other rich and costly Skinnes. Others carrie Clothes made of Cotton or Bombast, and Silke, and divers kinds of Spices. But upon the East part of the said Province standeth a Citie called Matriga, where the River Tanais dischargeth The Citie of his streames into the Sea of Pontus, the mouth whereof is twelve miles in breadth. For this River, before it entreth into the Sea of Pontus, maketh a little Sea, which hath in breadth and length seven hundred mile, and it is in no place thereof above sixe paces deepe, whereupon great Vessels cannot saile over it. Howbeit the Merchants of Constantinople, arriving at the foresaid Citie of * Materta, *Matriga. send their Barkes unto the River of Tanais to buy dryed fishes, Sturgeons, Thosses, Barbils, and an infinite number of other fishes. The foresaid Province of Cassaria, is compassed in with the Sea on three sides thereof: namely, on the West-side, where Kersova, the Citie of Saint Clement is situate: on the South-side the Citie of Soldaia. whereat we arrived: on the East-side Maricandis, and there stands the Citie of Matriga, upon the mouth of the River Tanais. Beyond the said mouth standeth Zikia, Zikia. which is not in subjection unto the Tartars: also the people called Suevi and Hiberi, towards the East, who likewise are not under the Tartars Dominion. Moreover, towards the South, standeth the Citie of Trapesunda, which hath a Governour proper to it selfe, named Guydo, being of the Linage of the Emperours of Constantinople, and is subject unto the Tartars. Next unto that is Synopolis, the Citie of the Soldan of Turkie, who likewise is in subjection unto them. Next unto these lyeth the Countrey of Vastacius, whose Sonne is called Astar, of his Grand-father by the Mothers side, who is not in subiection. All the Land from the mouth of Tanais Westward as farre as Danubius is under their Jurisdiction. Yea, beyond Danubius also, towards Constantinople, Valakia, which is the Land of Assanus, and Bulgaria

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minor, as farre as Solonia, doe all pay Tribute unto them. And besides the Tribute imposed, they have also, of late years, exacted of every household an Axe, and all such Corne as they found lying on heapes. We arrived therefore at Soldaia, the twelfth of the Kalends of June. divers Merchants of Constantinople, which were arrived there before us, reported that certayne Messengers were comming thither from the Holy Land, who were desirous to travell unto Sartach. Notwithstanding, I my selfe had publikely given out upon Palme Sunday within the Church of Sancta Sophia, that I was not your nor any other mans Messenger, but that I travelled unto those Infidels according to the Rule of our Order. And being arrived, the said Merchants admonished me to take diligent heed what I spake: because they having reported mee to bee a Messenger, if I should say the contrary, that I were no Messenger, I could not have free passage granted unto me. Then I spake after this manner unto the Governours of the Citie, or rather unto their Lieutenants, because the Governours themselves were gone to pay Tribute unto Baatu, and were not as yet returned. We heard of your Lord Sartach (quoth I) in the Holy Land, that he was become a Christian: and the Christians were exceeding glad thereof, and especially the most Christian King of France, who is there now in Pilgrimage, and fighteth against the Saracens, to redeeme the holy places out of their hands: wherefore I am determined to goe unto Sartach, and to deliver unto him the Letters of my Lord the King, wherein hee admonisheth him concerning the good and commoditie of all Christendome. they received us with gladnesse, and gave us entertaynment in the Cathedrall Church. The Bishop of which Church was with Sartach, who told me many good things concerning the said Sartach, which afterward I found to be nothing so. Then put they us to our choice, whether wee would have Carts and Oxen, or packe-horses to transport our Carriages. And the Merchants of Constantinople advised me, not to take Carts of the Citizens of Soldaia,

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but to buy covered Carts of mine owne, (such as the Russians carry their Skinnes in) and to put our Carriages, which I would daily take out, into them: because, if I should use Horses, I must be constrayned at every baite to take downe my Carriages, and to lift them up againe on sundry Horses backes: and besides, that I should ride a more gentle pace by the Oxen drawing the Carts. Wherefore, contenting my selfe with their evill counsell, I was travelling unto Sartach two monethes, which I could have done in one, if I had gone by Horse. I brought with me from Constantinople (being by the Merchants advised so to doe) pleasant Fruits, Muskadell Wine, and delicate Bisket bread to present unto the Governours of Soldaia, to the end I might obtayne free passage: because they looke favourably upon no man which commeth with an empty hand. All which things I bestowed in one of my Carts (not finding the [III. i. 3.] Governours of the Citie at home) for they told me, if I could carry them to Sartach, that they would be most acceptable unto him. Wee tooke our journey therefore about the Kalends of June, with foure covered Carts of our owne, and with two other which we borrowed of them, wherein we carried our bedding to rest upon in the night, and they allowed us five Horses to ride upon. For there were just five persons in our company: namely, I my selfe and mine associate Frier Bartholomew of Frier Bartho-Cremona, and Goset the Bearer of these Presents, the homew de man of God Turgemannus, and Nicolas my Servant, whom I bought at Constantinople, with some part of the Almes bestowed upon me. Moreover, they allowed us two men, which drave our Carts and gave attendance unto our Oxen and Horses. There bee high Promontories on the Sea shoare from Kersova unto the mouth of Tanais. Also there are fortie Castles betweene Kersova and Soldaia, every one of which almost have their proper Languages: amongst whom there were many Gothes, who spake the Dutch Tongue. Beyond the said Mountaynes towards the North, there is a most beautifull Wood growing on a

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The necke of Taurica Chersonesus. Plaine full of Fountaynes and Freshets. And beyond the Wood there is a mightie plaine Champian, continuing five dayes Journey unto the very extreamitie and borders of said Province North-ward, and there it is a narrow Isthmus or neck Land, having Sea on the East and West sides thereof, insomuch that there is a Ditch made from one Sea unto the other. In the same Plaine (before the Tartars sprang up) were the Comanians wont to inhabit, who compelled the fore-said Cities and Castles to pay Tribute unto them. But when the Tartars came upon them, the multitude of the Comanians entred into the fore-said Province, and fled all of them, even unto the Sea shoare, beeing in such extreme Famine, that they which were alive, were constrayned to eate up those which were dead: and (as a Merchant reported unto me who saw it with his owne eyes) that the living men devoured and tore with their teeth, the raw flesh of the dead, as Dogges would gnaw upon Carrion. Towardes the Borders of the said Province there bee many great Lakes: upon the Bankes whereof are Salt-pits or Fountaynes, the water of which so soone as it entreth into the Lake, becommeth hard Salt like unto Ice. And out of those Salt-pits Baatu and Sartach have great Revenues: for they repayre thither out of all Russia, for Salt: and for each Cart loade they give two Webbes of Cotton, amounting to the value of halfe an Yperpera. There come by Sea also many Shippes for Salt, which pay Tribute every one of them according to their burthen. The third day after wee were departed out of the Precincts of Soldaia, wee found the Tartars. Amongst whom beeing entred, me thought I was come into a new World. Whose life and manners I will describe unto your Highnesse aswell as I can.

The Tartars.

Chap. 2.

Of the

Tartars, and of
their houses.

They have in no place any setled Citie to abide in, neither know they of the Celestiall Citie to come. They have divided all Scythia among themselves, which stretcheth from the River Danubius even unto the rising of the Sunne. And every of their Captaines, according

to the great or small number of his people, knoweth the bounds of his Pastures, and where hee ought to feed his Cattell Winter and Summer, Spring and Autumne. For in the Winter they descend unto the warme Regions South-ward. And in the Summer they ascend unto the cold Regions North-ward. In Winter when Snow lyeth upon the ground, they feed their Cattell upon Pastures without water, because then they use Snow in stead of water. Their houses wherein they sleepe, they ground upon a round foundation of Wickers artificially wrought and compacted together: the Roofe whereof consisteth (in like sort) of Wickers, meeting above into one little Roundell, out of which Roundell ascendeth upward a necke like unto a Chimney, which they cover with white Felt, and oftentimes they lay Morter or white Earth upon the said Felt, with the powder of bones, that it may shine And sometimes also they cover it with blacke The said Felt on the necke of their house, they doe garnish over with beautifull varietie of Pictures. fore the doore likewise they hang a Felt curiously painted For they spend all their coloured Felt, in painting Vines, Trees, Birds, and Beasts thereupon. The said houses they make so large, that they contayne thirtie foot in breadth. For measuring once the breadth betweene the wheele-ruts of one of their Carts, I found it to bee twentie feet over: and when the house was upon the Cart, it stretched over the wheels on each side five feet at the least. I told two and twentie Oxen in one Teame, drawing an house upon a Cart, eleven in one order according to the breadth of the Cart, and eleven more before them: the Axle-tree of the Cart was of an huge bignesse like unto the Mast of a Ship. And a fellow stood in the doore of the house, upon the fore-stall of the Cart driving forth the Oxen. Moreover, they make certayne foure square Baskets of small slender Wickers as bigge as great Chests: and afterward, from one side to another, they frame an hollow lidde or cover of such like Wickers, and make a doore in the fore-side thereof. And then they A.D. 1253.

cover the said Chest or little House with black Felt, rubbed over with Tallow or Sheeps Milke to keep the rain from soking through, which they deck likewise with painting or with feathers. And in such Chests they put their whole Household-stuffe and Treasure. Also the same Chests they doe strongly binde upon other Carts, which are drawne with Camels, to the end they may wade through Rivers. Neither doe they at any time take downe the said Chests from off their Carts. When they take downe their dwelling houses, they turne the doores alwayes to the South: and next of all they place the Carts laden with their Chests, here and there, within halfe a stones cast of the House: insomuch that the House standeth betweene two rankes of Carts, as it were, betweene two Walles. The Matrones make for themselves most beautifull Carts, which I am not able to describe unto your Majesty but by Pictures only: for I would right willingly have painted all things for you, had my Skill beene ought in that Art. One rich Moal or Tartar hath two hundred, or one hundred such Carts with Chests. Duke Baatu had sixteene Wives, every one of which hath one great house, besides other little houses, which they place behind the great one, being as it were Chambers for their Maidens to dwell in. And unto every of the said houses doe belong two hundred Carts. When they take their houses from off the Carts, the principal Wife placeth her Court on the West Frontier, and so all the rest in their order: so that the last Wife dwelleth upon the East Frontier: and one of the said Ladies Courts is distant from another about a stones cast. Whereupon the Court

The benefit of a Painter in strange Countries.

[III. i. 4.]

of one rich Moal or Tartar will appeare like unto a great Village, very few men abiding in the same. One woman will guide twenty or thirty Carts at once, for their Countries are very plaine, and they binde the Carts with Camels or Oxen, one behind another. And there sits a Wench in the fore-most Cart driving the Oxen, and all the residue follow on a like pace. When they chance to

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them over one by one: for they goe a slow pace, as fast as a Lambe or an Oxe can walke.

T Aving taken downe their houses from off their Carts, Chap. 3. and turning the doores South-ward, they place the Oftheir Beds, bed of the Master of the house, at the North part thereof. Images and The womens place is alwayes on the East-side, namely, on drinking the left hand of the good man of the house sitting upon Pots. his bed with his face South-wards: but the mens place is upon the West-side, namely, at the right hand of their Master. Men when they enter into the house, will not in any case hang their Quivers on the womens side. the Masters head there is alwayes an Image, like a Puppet, made of Fealt, which they call the Masters Brother: and another over the head of the good Wife or Mistris, which they call her Brother, being fastened to the wall: and above betweene both of them, there is a little leane one, which is, as it were the keeper of the whole house. The good Wife or Mistris of the house placeth aloft at her beds feet, on the right hand, the Skinne of a Kid stuffed with Wooll or some other matter, and neere unto that a little Image or Puppet looking towards the Maidens and women. Next unto the doore also on the womens side, there is another Image with a Cowes Udder, for the women that milke the Kine. For it is the dutie of their women to milke Kine. On the other side of the doore next unto the men, there is another Image with the Udder of a Mare, for the men which milke Mares. And when they come together to drinke and make merrie, they sprinkle part of their Drinke upon the Image which is above the Masters head: afterward upon other Images in Idols. order: then goeth a Servant out of the house with a cup full of Drinke sprinkling it thrise towards the South, and bowing his knee at every time: and this is done for the honour of the Fire. Then performeth he the like Superstitious Idolatry towards the East, for the honour of the Ayre: and then to the West for the honour of the water: and lastly, to the North in the behalfe of the Dead.